

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: ABAC

Date: February 15, 2017

Time: 7:30 – 9:20 PM

Board members Christopher Tonkin, Jack Johnson, Scott Smith, Stephan Miller, Doug Greenfield,

in attendance: Ron Sender

Other attendees: Rod Holland, Elizabeth Shea, Joey Glushko, Emily Snyder, Alex (COBWEB officer), Bobby Smith (COBWEB officer), Emily Snyder, Maggie Stanley

January minutes: Approved as amended by Emily.

COBWEB: The COBWEB officer reported that a bicycle registry technology has been proposed; it's an app for recovering stolen property. Joey explained that there was a similar proposal in the past and that people hadn't responded well to the past proposal.

Bike share: Scott reported that Jenny Raitt, Seth Federspiel (TAC representative on Bike Share working group), and Scott met last week (Nat was out sick). May need to expand the working group to address the contractual and financial details, logistics (e.g. station location), town political process, networking with the business community (e.g. for sponsorship). The immediate action is to absorb and address the results of the town survey.

Regarding donations and sponsorships, ABAC members agreed that these would not be managed in the ABAC account; a separate account would need to be established.

Sponsorship suggestions: contact the ambulance company in Arlington and Lahey Health.

Scott is contacting people in Brookline to learn how they've been working with the town. Seth will contact planners in Cambridge.

Scott asked if anyone would like to join the working group. Maggie volunteered to join the working group.

Jack raised the question about whether the stations would be all-season stations.

Town center: The committee discussed the ongoing problem of the bike lanes at the town center not being safe to use given the absence and poor visibility of the no-turn-on-red signs at the Mass / Route 60 intersection. New signals are to be installed in spring time. Christopher is to contact the traffic officer, Cory Rateau (781 316 3944) to request that the appropriate signs be installed; not to wait until the lights are installed.

Snow removal on bike path: Rod reports that bike path clearance is going well. Rod advocates working with DPW to establish the target functional outcomes (e.g. avoiding icy ruts). Rod will research other organizations in snowy climates (Montreal? Minnesota?) to determine definitions for outcomes.

The committee discussed inviting the DPW to a meeting to discuss; the committee agreed that DPW should be thanked for their good work thus far.

Election of a new member: Christopher reported that there has been another applicant to fill the vacancy for ABAC. The committee to review applicants.

Winter bike counts: Christopher reported that the winter bike count took place and went well. The results have not yet been reported.

Cycling curriculum in schools: The committee discussed strategies for accessing and/or developing cycling curriculum. Christopher is to contact Dave Enos, of Bedford, who is an instructor and has been advocating such curricula.

Bikeway hours: The topic is in abeyance. The town wants collect more data and more information about how to deal with abutters. ABAC will return to the topic in a future meeting.

Bikeway anniversary celebration meeting (last month): Jack reported on the first planning meeting. Nat facilitated, Dan Dunn participated, and Joey participated. There was a lot of brainstorming. Discussion of bike tour along the length of the bike path. More likely to be in the fall, to allow for planning. Possibly making it a celebration. Group leaning away from doing it in conjunction with town day. No firm plan yet. Subcommittees were created to follow up on more specific ideas.

Coordination among the 3 bikeway communities is still in the works. Christopher reported that Peggy (Lexington Bike Committee) will be attending tomorrow night's meeting.

Winter Social: Christopher emailed Alan about which Tuesdays he might be available. The Common Ground is available on Tuesdays. Once we have the date, Christopher will book it and Jack will help with publicity.

Bike Arlington Tour - route: There was much discussion and many ideas bandied about, including touring the town center to show the new Arlington Center Safe Travel project, visiting the new police station, and visiting Schwamb Mill. April 23 was set as the day for assessing the route. Time: 9:30. Start location TBD.

Bike parking map (plans for moving parking racks): To be discussed when Phil is available to provide update.

Broadway/Rte 16 intersection (Arlington and Somerville): Committee agreed that before a proposal is made, we need to get a bike/traffic count. We need to see if DRC already has a count at that corner. Scott agreed to write the proposal that he had explained during the previous meeting. ABAC to return to the topic at the next meeting.

Spring cleanup along the Alewife Brook (with SBC) April 22nd: ABAC agreed to join SBC for the clean up

Quad Cycles bike club: Joey reported that the Quad Cycles bike club would be interested in having an exchange of representatives to attend meetings. Joey recommended we let them know when we meet; ABAC to provide schedule and request their schedule.

Bike maintenance work station: The work station has arrived and will be installed near the Uncle Sam statue.

TAC Report

Arlington Center Report

730 PM Greetings

Review/approval of the minutes of January 18th 2017.

7:40 COBWEB Officer - intro – comments

TAC Report - Scott Smith

Arlington Center Project

Bikeshare in Arlington

Snow Removal on Bikeway and elsewhere in Arlington

8:15 Election of a new Member to the ABAC board.

Winter Bike Counts and automated counter and dates.

Cycling curriculum in schools.

Bikeway hours working group, formation?

Bikeway Anniversary Celebration. Report of first meeting

Winter Social Date, location and subject

Tour of Arlington tour route?

Bike Parking Map and moving parking Racks. Specifically at the Fox Library/Capital Sq

Broadway/Somerville intersection road markings.

Spring Cleanup along the Alewife Brook (with SBC?) April 22nd?

Any other matters?

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Up coming meetings: March 15th, April 19th; June 21st.